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1. Alfred Baumbach,¹ the head of Main Department I of the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFT), of the East German State Planning Commission, is the son-in-law of Professor Werner Lange, the head of ZAFT. Since Baumbach married Lange's daughter, the two men have worked closely together in all matters pertaining to ZAFT. In fact, Lange is entirely dependent upon Baumbach's advice, ~~in almost all matters.~~ 25X1
2. The close cooperation of the two men ~~caused by their relationship~~ has caused unfavorable comments at ZAFT, as well as in the higher echelons of the State Planning Commission. The Working together of close relatives in the same government office is frowned upon, as a rule, in East Germany. According to recent rumors at ZAFT, the situation will be changed by Lange's appointment ~~as~~ ~~as~~ State Secretary in the State Planning Commission. ~~When~~ ~~this~~ happens, Baumbach will be ~~his~~ successor as head of ZAFT.

Comment. In previous reports, Baumbach's first name was erroneously reported as Erich.



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